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Subject Re: Please Drop Item 

This is simply not acceptable. The item must be dropped with no impact to the reporting schedule. Call me tonight on my blackberry if you need to talk further or let's talk first thing tomorrow.

Chris

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Subject: RE: Please Drop Item

Hi Jeff and Dee,

Since Shirley is out sick, I am summarizing the issues associated with dropping the item for you. It is too late in the schedule to drop this item w/o impacting the reporting schedule. The 5d TAT clock is starting tomorrow and it really is the critical time. I have met with GA team and have looked at every possible way to expedite the schedule. Suppressing the item at this point will push the 5 d TAT reports from May 9th to a minimum of May 19th. We must receive a confirmation from DoE tomorrow morning if suppressing the item and delaying the reports is acceptable.

CTB's recommendation is to not suppress the item. This is an item that was rewritten by teachers at the Jan. 07 item review. Perhaps teachers thought composer was too difficult a word for their students (it's a 6th grade word according to EDL) or a word they would not associate with Webber, and they thought what their students would know is that Webber created musical theater/plays, which is why they chose the word playwright.

Composer is not one of the distractors; the other distractors , (b) painter, (c) sculptor, (d) athlete are clearly wrong/occupations that cannot be associated with Webber. This item was also accepted by teachers at data review.

Following is the FT performance data...

		<u>p</u>	<u>pb</u>	
A	Playwright	.24	.14	key
B	Painter	.29	-.003	
C	Sculptor	.29	.05	
D	Athlete	.15	-.10	

Data indicates high item difficulty, but adequate item discrimination at the key. Distractors function appropriately with the exception of C which is essentially neutral, indicating guessing. High item difficulty is associated with the transition year from QCC to GPS.

More importantly, the key is correct. One who writes musical theater is a playwright, just as one who composes opera is a playwright.

This item was field-tested before the GPS was implemented/ students learned anything about Weber.

Following is the current stats for this year for the item which is much improved from last year's.

	<u>p</u>	<u>pb</u>	
A	.35	.28	key
B	.21	-.12	
C	.30	-.08	
D	.13	-.11	

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Subject: Please Drop Item

Dee,

The department has decided that item 42 (deals with Andrew Lloyd Webber) on the 6th grade social studies test must be dropped from scoring.

I am copying Marc Julian on this memo so he will have immediate notice of our decision and can make the requisite adjustments to his scoring tables and other item analyses. Marc should send us the corrected table for this test so we can update our records.

THANKS -- *DeeD*

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